

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Form numbers in this area

Area no.

B1-B-52

MHC-51-96

B

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

1. Town Lexington
Name of area (if any) Battle Green
(part of Battle Green Historic District)
3. General date or period 1690
4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? no
in condition? Yes
in type of ownership? No, public, private &
religious
in use? yes, non-commercial
(except on outer edge)

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.

See Town Engineer's Map

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by Reinhardt, Shankland
Organization Lex. Hist. Soc.
Date October 1, 1974

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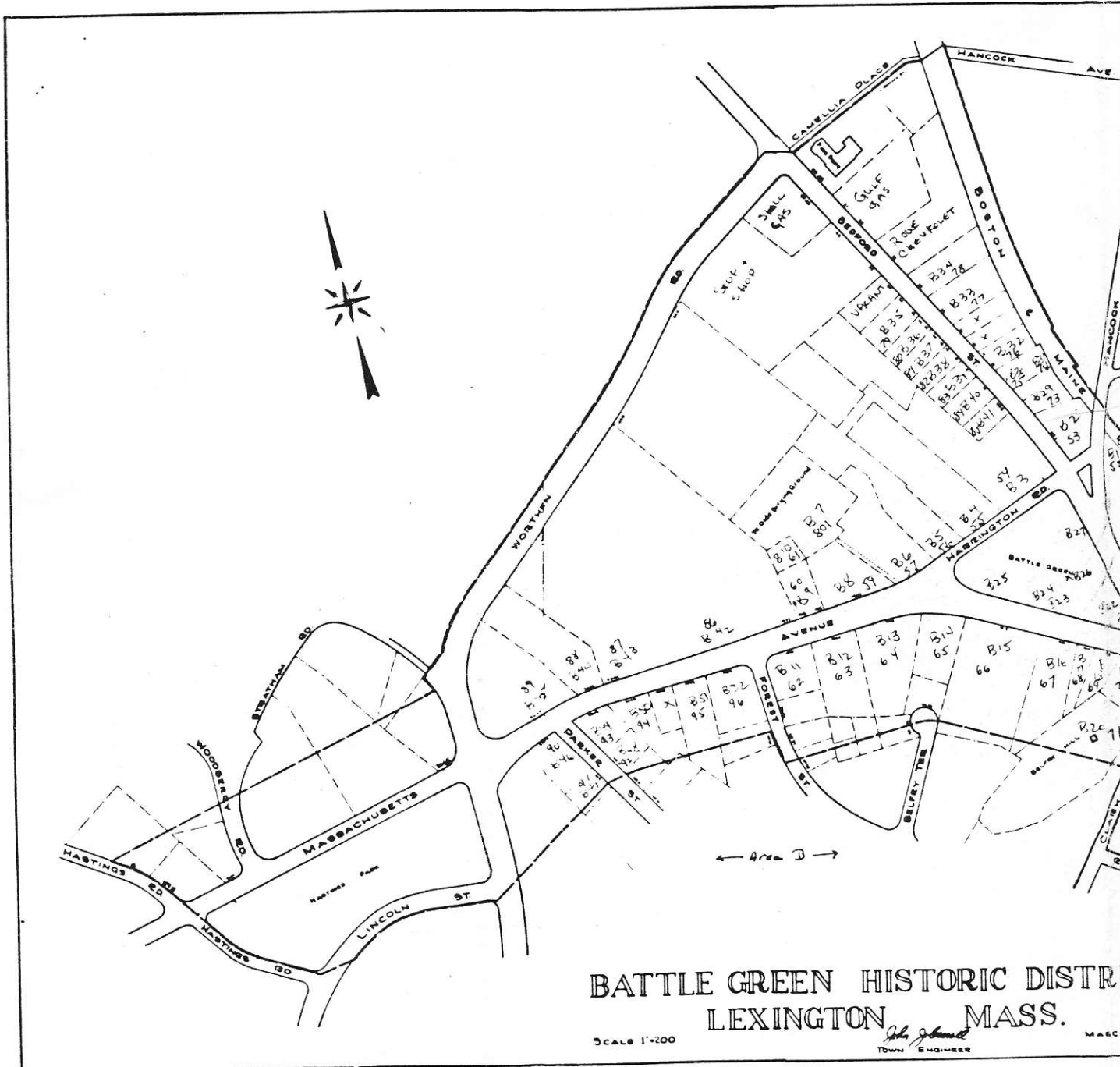
7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

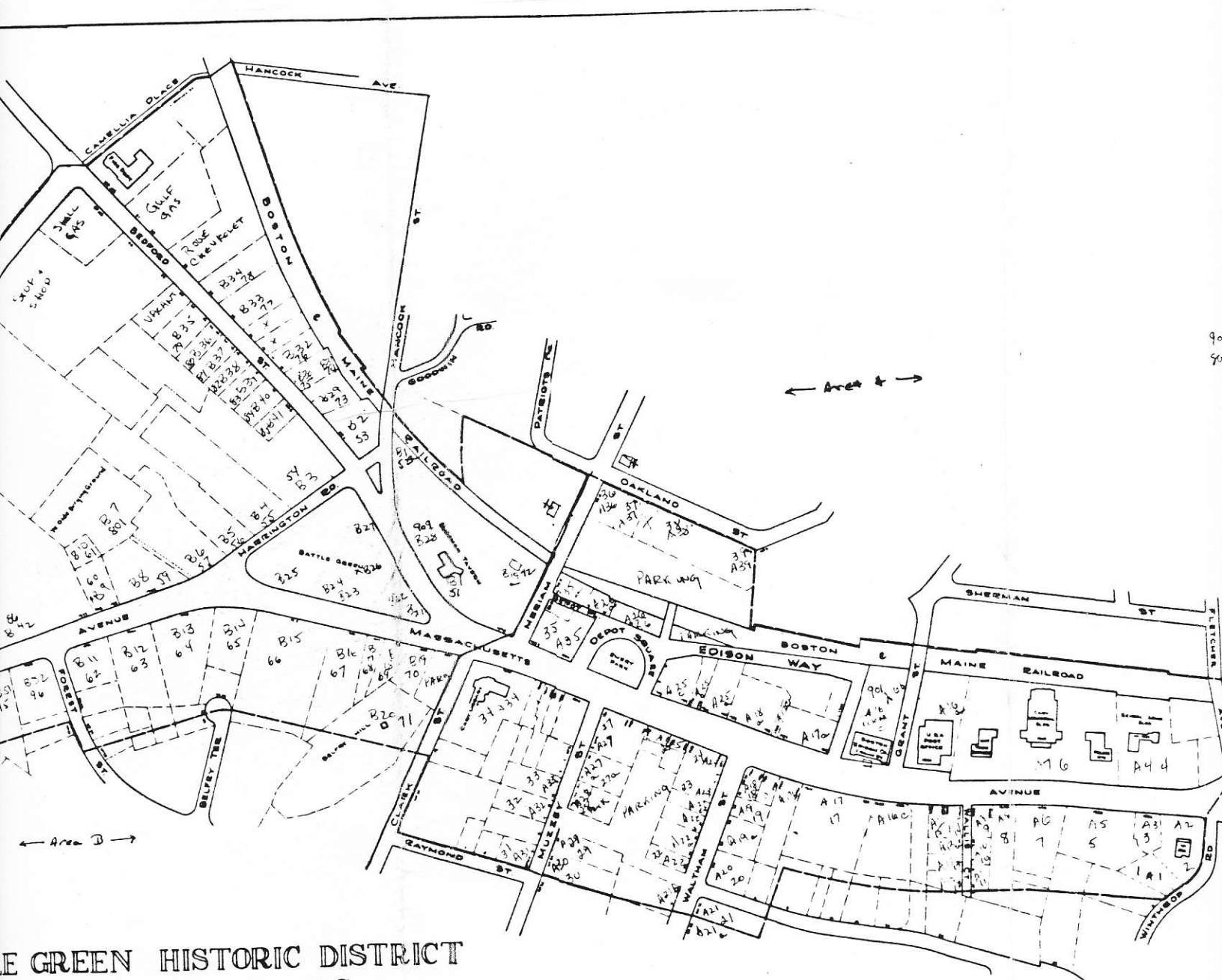
Battle Green, the Town Common of Lexington. Was site of first armed encounter between Colonial & British troops, April 19, 1775. Area B is one half of Battle Green Historic District established 1956. This area is primarily residential & contains 18th century houses existing at time of battle, as well as 19th century houses and churches. Of particular interest are the Buckman Tavern (B-1) the Masonic hall (B-2) the Jonathon Harrington House (B-3) the First Parish Church (B-5) The old burying ground (B-7) Marrett-Muntoe House (B-16) & The Belfry Reproduction. (B20). Other buildings include good examples of Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, shingles & Queen Anne styles.

Owners of private property around Green voted in 1917 to restrictive property use covenant for 99 years. (EW- p. 112)

8. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Hudson-History of Lexington
Lex. Hist. Soc. archives
Ed Worthn - Calendar History of Lexington





THE GREEN HISTORIC DISTRICT
LEXINGTON, MASS.

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